

Natural Resources Conservation Service

Application Ranking Summary

Greer County

<b>Program:</b>	<b>Ranking Date:</b>	<b>Application Number:</b>
<b>Ranking Tool:</b> Greer County	<b>Applicant:</b>	
<b>Final Ranking Score:</b>	<b>Address:</b>	
<b>Planner:</b>	<b>Telephone:</b>	
<b>Farm Location:</b>		

National Priorities Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
If the application is for development of a Conservation Activity Plan (CAP), the agency will assign significant ranking priority and conservation benefit by answering "Yes" to the following question. Answering "Yes" to question 1a will result in the application being awarded the maximum amount of points that can be earned for the national priority category.	
1. a. Is the program application to support the development of a Conservation Activity Plan (CAP)? If answer is "Yes", do not answer any other national level questions. If answer is "No", proceed with evaluation to address the remaining questions in this section.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Water Quality Degradation – Will the proposed project improve water quality by: (select all that apply)	
2. a. Implementing the practices in a Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan (CNMP)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. b. Implementing the practices in a Nutrient Management Plan (NMP)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. c. Reducing impacts from sediment, nutrients, salinity, or pesticides on land adjoining a designated "impaired water body" (TMDL, 303d listed waterbody, or other State designation)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. d. Reducing the impacts from sediment, nutrients, salinity, or pesticides in a "non-impaired water body"?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. e. Implementing practices that improve water quality through animal mortality and carcass management?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Water Conservation – Will the proposed project conserve water by: (select all that apply)	
3. a. Implementing irrigation practices that reduce aquifer overdraft.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. b. Implementing irrigation practices that reduce on-farm water use?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. c. Implementing practices in an area where the applicant participates in a geographically established or watershed-wide project?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. d. Implementing practices that reduce on-farm water use as a result of changing to crops with lower water consumptive use, the rotation of crops, or the modification of cultural operations?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Air Quality - Will the proposed project improve air quality by: (select all that apply)	
4. a. Meeting on-farm regulatory requirements relating to air quality or proactively avoid the need for regulatory measures?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
4. b. Implementing practices that reduce on-farm emissions of particulate matter (PM2.5, PM10)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
4. c. Implementing practices that reduce on-farm generated greenhouse gases such as carbon dioxide (CO2), methane (CH4), and nitrous oxide (N2O)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
4. d. Implementing practices that increase on-farm carbon sequestration?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Soil Health:– Will the proposed project improve soil health by: (select all that apply)	
5. a. Reduce erosion to tolerable limits (Soil "T")?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
5. b. Increasing organic matter and carbon content, and improving soil tilth and structure?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Wildlife Habitat – Will the proposed project improve wildlife habitat by: (select all that apply)	
6. a. Implementing practices benefitting threatened and endangered, at-risk, candidate, or species of concern.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. b. Implementing practices that retain wildlife and plant habitat on land exiting the Conservation	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

Reserve Program (CRP) or other set-aside program?	
6. c. Implementing practices benefitting honey bee populations or other pollinators?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. d. Implementing land-based practices that improve habitat for aquatic wildlife?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Plant and Animal Communities: Will the proposed project improve plant and animal communities by: (select all that apply)	
7. a. Implementing practices that result in the management control of noxious or invasive plant species on non-cropland?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
7. b. Implementing practice in an Integrated Pest Management Plan (IPM)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Energy Conservation– Will the proposed project reduce energy use by: (select all that apply)	
8. a. Reducing on-farm energy consumption?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
8. b. Implementing practice(s) identified in an approved AgEMP or energy audit, which meet ASABE S612 criteria?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Business Lines – Will the practices to be scheduled in the “EQIP Plan of Operations” result in:	
9. a. Enhancement of existing conservation practice(s) or conservation systems already in place at the time the application is received?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

### State Issues Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
Conservation Activity Plans _ If this application is for the development of a Conservation Activity Plan (CAP) answer this question only and set the application type to "Planning" or "Plan Organic".	
1. a. Is the program application to support the development of a Conservation Activity Plan (CAP) developed by a registered TSP? If the answer is “Yes,” do not answer any other state level questions. If the answer is “No,” proceed with evaluation to address the remaining questions in this section.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Degraded Plant Condition - answer yes to only one of questions 2ab, 2b, and 2c. Answer yes to only one of questions 2d, and 2e	
2. a. Will the proposed contract address undesirable plant productivity and health resource concern as identified through rangeland health or pasture condition scoring AND include a prescribed grazing plan as outlined in the "plans and specifications" section of the NRCS Prescribed Grazing (528) standard on all contracted acres.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. b. Will the proposed contract address undesirable plant productivity and health resource concern as identified through rangeland health or pasture condition scoring AND include a prescribed grazing plan as outlined in the "plans and specifications" section of the NRCS Prescribed Grazing (528) standard on >75% of the total contract acres.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. c. Will the proposed contract address undesirable plant productivity and health resource concern as identified through rangeland health or pasture condition scoring AND include a prescribed grazing plan as outlined in the "plans and specifications" section of the NRCS Prescribed Grazing (528) standard on >50% of the total contract acres.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. d. Will the proposed contract include practices identified in an integrated Pest Management Plan as specified in the "Plans and Specifications" portion of the standard that will address Excessive Plant Pest Pressure by controlling one of the following species of statewide significance: Salt Cedar (tamarisk, Sericea Lespedeza, Musk Thistle, Scotch Thistle, Canada Thistle, Eastern Red Cedar, or Mesquite on all impacted grazingland acres within the plan unit?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. e. Will the proposed contract activities include practices that will address Excessive Plant Pest Pressure by controlling one or more of the following species of statewide significance: Salt Cedar (tamarisk), Sericea Lespedeza, Musk Thistle, Scotch Thistle, Canada Thistle, Eastern Red Cedar, or Mesquite on all grazingland contracted acres where they occur in densities that constitute a resource concern?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Soil Erosion	
3. a. Will the proposed contract include conservation practices to address sheet, rill and/or wind erosion where soil loss is greater than "T" and the proposed contract will include conservation practices that will reduce sheet, rill or wind erosion below "T" on at least 25% of the contracted acres (based on before and after RUSLE2 or WEPS calculations).?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. b. Will the proposed contract include conservation practices to address concentrated flow erosion and	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

include conservation practices that will control and prevent active ephemeral gullies on cropland?	
3. c. Will the proposed contract include conservation practices to address concentrated flow erosion and include conservation practices that will stop the progression of head cutting and widening of active classic gullies?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Water Quality Degradation: Will the proposed contract include conservation practices to address excess nutrients in surface and ground waters? (Points can be accumulated from each question, if applicable.)	
4. a. The proposed contract will include activities developed through a nutrient management plan, as specified in the Oklahoma NRCS Nutrient Management (590) standard, that includes application of nutrients (inorganic or organic) in such a manner that does not adversely affect surface or ground water. This category includes CNMP planning.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
4. b. The proposed contract will include conservation practices developed through a Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan (CNMP) that involve storage, handling and/or application of animal waste in such a manner that does not adversely affect surface or ground water quality.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
4. c. The proposed contract will include conservation practices developed through a CNMP that involve storage, handling and/or application of animal waste in such a manner that does not adversely affect surface or ground water quality, on land within a designated "Nutrient Limited Watershed" (Nutrient Limited Watershed maps can be found in eFOTG- section II - Special Environmental Concerns Information).	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
4. d. The proposed contract will include conservation practices developed through a CNMP that involve storage, handling and/or application of animal waste in such a manner that does not adversely affect surface or ground water on land within 3 miles of a 303(d) listed impaired or threatened waters?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
4. e. The proposed contract will include conservation practices developed through a CNMP that involve storage, handling and application of animal waste in such a manner that does not adversely affect surface or ground water on land adjoining 303(d) listed impaired or threatened waters (303d listing can be found in eFOTG - section II - Special Environmental Concerns Information - Clean Water - Oklahoma DEQ GIS Data Viewer).	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
4. f. The proposed contract activities will address excessive nutrients or sediment in surface waters in intermittent streams and/or perennial streams through livestock exclusion or installation of filters or buffers.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Inadequate Habitat Fish and Wildlife - Wildlife Habitat Degradation: Will the proposed project improve wildlife habitat by (select all that apply)	
5. a. Will the proposed contract activities correct all limiting factor(s) identified as resource concerns within a state approved wildlife habitat evaluation guide and/or a written, site-specific wildlife habitat plan for a specific wildlife species or guild of species identified as; _____?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
5. b. Will the proposed contract activities restore habitat to the ecological site description's presumed historic vegetative community?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Excess/Insufficient Water-Inefficient Use of Irrigation Water. Answer all of questions 6a through 6e that apply. Answer only one of 6f or 6g.	
6. a. Will the proposed contract activities reduce the gross amount of water applied on an operation that is currently drawing water from the Ogallala Aquifer or the Altus Lugert Irrigation District?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. b. Will the proposed contract activities reduce the acres of irrigated cropland on an operation?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. c. Will the proposed contract activities result in implementing practices that reduce irrigation water applied due to a change in the existing crop rotation that includes non irrigated crop or fallow period?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. d. Will the proposed contract activities result in implementing practices that reduce irrigation water applied as a result of changing existing crop rotation to a crop rotation with lower water consumptive use or rotation of crops?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. e. Will the proposed contract activities include the implementation of Well Decommissioning (351) and/or will the producer agree to destroy the existing irrigation system which is being replaced by a more efficient system?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. f. Will the proposed contract activities result in an estimated 20% or more reduction of gross water applied?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. g. Will the proposed contract activities result in an estimated 10-19% reduction of gross water applied?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Business Lines	

7. a. Will the proposed contract be scheduled for completion within 2 years of obligation?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
7. b. Will the proposed contract include activities identified in an existing conservation plan as needed to complete or enhance an existing conservation system?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
7. c. Has the applicant had a previous EQIP contract that was terminated in the past 3 years or is currently in non-compliance?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

#### Local Issues Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
Soil Erosion-Any Form- Will the proposed project include: (Choose only 1a, 1b, 1c OR 1d.)	
1. a. Treatment of soil erosion through planning the conversion of cropland to permanent vegetation utilizing Forage and Biomass Planting (512). Planned acres are >51% Prime Farmland utilizing Soils Inventory.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
1. b. Treatment of soil erosion through planning the conversion of cropland to permanent vegetation utilizing Forage and Biomass Planting (512). Planned acres are <50% Prime Farmland utilizing Soils Inventory.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
1. c. Treatment of soil erosion through planning the conversion of cropland to permanent vegetation utilizing Range Planting (550).	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
1. d. Treatment of soil erosion through planning Residue & Tillage Management- No Till.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Degraded Plant Condition- Excessive Plant Pest Pressure - Will the proposed project include: (Choose only 2a or 2b)	
2. a. Planning Brush Management (314) with >50% treatment acres having Heavy infestation (>31% or >200 trees/ac) with broadcast treatment.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. b. Planning Brush Management (314) with >50% treatment acres having Moderate infestation (10%-30% or 100-199 trees/ac) with broadcast treatment.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Other	
3. a. Will the proposed project include treatment of inadequate stock water for livestock on planning land unit where water currently does not exist?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. b. Will the proposed project include the mechanical treatment of any locally identified invasive species on acres where vegetation will not need to be reestablished following treatment?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. c. Do average grass heights in the treatment area meet min grass height requirements as outlined in Rx Grazing Spec at time of application ranking? (Bermuda & Short Grass = 3; OWB & Mid Grass = 4; Tall Grass = 6)	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. d. Will the proposed project include the treatment of stream bank, gully and/or ephemeral erosion through planning Critical Area Planting?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. e. Will the proposed contract activities include control of erosion that is greater than T before treatment based on RUSLEII or WEPS calculations?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. f. Will the proposed contract activities include control of erosion that is less than T before treatment based on RUSLEII or WEPS calculations?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Business Lines	
4. a. Will the EQIP schedule of operations be planned for completion within 12 months of contract approval?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
4. b. Has the applicant had a USDA contract within the last 5 years that was not fulfilled (cancelled, terminated) or is currently out of compliance (CPA 153 issued).	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

#### Land Use:

Resource Concerns	Practices
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#### Ranking Score

Efficiency:
Local Issues:

State Issues:

National Issues:

**Final Ranking Score:**

This ranking report is for your information. It does not in any way guarantee funding. When funding becomes available, you will be notified if your application is selected for funding. Some changes to the application may be required before a final contract is awarded.

Notes:

**NRCS Representative:**

**Applicant Signature Not Required on this report for  
Contract Development unless required by State policy:**

**Signature Date:**

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